

cattle and agriculture. It is not at all improbable that within ten years from now the last-named industry may by no means be the least, but the chief of these which contribute to the progress of the territory. As far as horticulture is concerned, Arizona stands today about where Southern California was twenty-five years ago, when we were just emerging from the "cow country" era. Life and property are as safe today in Arizona as they are in any section of the United States, and indeed far safer than in many of our large cities. The territory has of late been filling up with a class of intelligent settlers from the eastern states. With the introduction of a system of national irrigation of the arid lands—of the Uncle Sam, not Governor Murphy brand—we may see in Arizona during the next decade, a development somewhat similar to that which has been witnessed in Southern California during the past twenty years.

It may, therefore, safely be granted that in population, in natural resources and in social conditions, the territory of Arizona is ripe for statehood. Doubtless a majority of its citizens desire statehood.

The opposition to the admission of Arizona coming from the Los Angeles Times, was in the nature of a surprise. Arizona and California are closely allied in trade relations and social intercourse. Their interests are in a great measure mutual. The advancement of Arizona means more business for California and the admission of Arizona to statehood means a rapid increase in population and taxable wealth.

The Los Angeles Times is at present engaged in issuing a special Arizona mining number, which has been most liberally patronized by the people of Arizona. The object of this special number is to invite capital to Arizona. There is money in this special edition for the Los Angeles Times. Probably among the number who have signed for big contracts are many democrats and republicans. The Times does not stop to draw the political line when it means money in the cash drawer of the Times-Mirror company, but when the entire people of Arizona unite in an earnest effort for statehood, and have banished political differences to the four winds, the Times steps in and says "Most of you are no good, you are democrats, and for that reason you should not be admitted to statehood."

This line of reasoning emanates from a pinched and drawn intellect and the Times has proved itself that it is no friend of Arizona, when "a friend in need is a friend indeed."

The Los Angeles Times, the Herald and the Examiner all have a large circulation in Arizona. The two latter mentioned papers are staunch friends of the territory, while the Times glories in the fact that it is against us.

The people of Arizona will not soon forget.

POPULATION OF COUNTRY.

The final census report of the population by sex, general nativity and color of the several states and territories was issued October 11. This last bulletin of the series covers the entire country. It shows that the males number 39,059,242 and constitute 51.2 per cent of the total population in 1900, while the females number 37,244,145, or 48.8 per cent. There is a slightly larger per cent of females now than ten years ago.

There is a difference in favor of males in the present census of 1,815,097, as compared with an excess of males for the equivalent area in 1890 of 1,560,370.

There has been an increase in the total population of 13,233,361, or 21 per cent since 1890, made up of 6,744,179 males and 6,489,452 females; an increase of males of 20.9 per cent and in females of 21.1 per cent. There are 65,843,300 native persons and 10,460,085 foreign born persons, the latter element constituting 13.7 per cent of the total population of 1900, against 14.8 per cent ten years ago. The foreign born show an absolute increase during the decade of 1,151,994, while the native born have increased in ten years 12,081,637.

As to color and race, the population in 1900 is made of 66,990,802 white persons and 9,312,858 colored persons, the latter figure comprising 8,840,789 persons of Negro descent, 119,050 Chinese, 85,986 Japanese and 266,760 Indians. The corresponding figures for 1890 show a total of 55,166,184 white persons, 7,488,789 persons of Negro descent, 126,778 Chinese, 14,399 Japanese and 273,607 Indians.

The colored element constitutes 12.2 per cent of the total population in 1900, against 12.5 per cent in 1890.

The white population shows an increase since 1890 of 11,824,618, or 21.4 per cent, and the colored element as a whole of 1,409,013, or 17.8 per cent.

There has been an increase during the past ten years in persons of Negro descent of 1,352,001, or 18.1 per cent, and in Japanese of 71,587, or 497.2 per cent. The Chinese, on the other hand, show a loss of 7,728, or 6.1 per cent, while the Indians have decreased from 273,607 in 1890 to 266,760 in 1900, a loss of 2.5 per cent.

Of the total white population 56,740,739 are native whites, constituting 74.4 per cent of the total population, and 10,250,063 foreign whites, or 13.4 per cent of the total population. Native white persons are in turn subdivided into 41,053,417 of native parentage and 15,687,322 of foreign parentage, constituting respectively 53.8 per cent and 20.6 per cent of the total population.

The native white element has increased 23.3 per cent and the foreign white only 12.2 per cent since 1890. The native white element of foreign parentage has increased relatively twice as fast as the native whites of native parentage.—Los Angeles Herald.

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